Happy Holidays! Updates for 12.25.2020

Dear Family & Friends,

Although today may not incorporate every holiday tradition we love, I hope you are enjoying a warm day filled joy, gratitude, celebration, and love. May you feel all the gratitude and appreciation I have for you throughout this festive season and in the new year.

COVID Updates:

I'm grateful the Veterans Home has no new cases of COVID-19 to report in our veteran care community since our last update.

Here is our current information:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	2 (One member, One employee)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	33 (Four members, Three contracted individuals, Twenty-Six employees)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	2 (One member, One employee)
Total Recovered Individuals:	32 (Three members, Three contracted individuals, Twenty-Six employees)

As a reminder, our COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan is designed to follow all guidance from top health officials. We strictly adhere to this plan to safeguard the health of our members and staff.

Please see your email earlier this week to review our entire plan.

COVID-19 Vaccine Consents & Insurance Card

COVID-19 Vaccination consent forms were sent out yesterday to any activated power of attorney for health care or legal guardians. Please review the information and send back the 2 forms with signatures <u>before January 7th</u>. In addition, if you haven't gotten us the member's insurance cards, please do so. Contact Katie Plendl or Sally Blodgett if you need an alternate or electronic way to send in the card.

Wisconsin Exposure Notification App

Lastly, a new mobile app called <u>WI Exposure Notification</u>, is now live. This is to assist in notifying contacts of people who've tested positive for COVID-19. The voluntary app helps with contact tracing by letting Wisconsinites know faster if they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, allowing them to take steps to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The app is another tool in our toolbox for helping stop the spread across Wisconsin. The more people that use it, the more effective it will be. Here is a link for more information on how to enable this app on your phone: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/notification.htm

If you have any questions, please contact us at 715-720-6775. I look forward to welcoming a healthy, bright new year with you!

Happy Holidays!

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